

The Baseball Committee and the Department Executive Committee have voted to cancel this year's season due to the risks related to the coronavirus issue. Reasons are the safety and health of players, coaches, fans, and the potential legal liabilities that the Department could incur should someone become ill while participating in a Legion sanctioned activity.

Your Legion insurance is no longer valid. To those who have paid registration fees and purchased insurance, here is the refund procedure.

***Registration fees**

National - \$50 for seniors, \$25 for juniors - These were refunded back to the credit card used for payment. You should have already received.

State - \$150 for seniors, \$125 for juniors - Will begin processing once HQ staff returns full time back in the office. Checks will be sent to team administrator listed on application, if an address is shown, or team manager. It will be your responsibility to get the money to the appropriate entity.

\$35 administrative fee - no refund

***Background check fee - \$8- no refund - Legion did not get this money and a service was performed by third party vendor.**

***State and Zone Tournament Bids**

I will see that you get refunded if you tell me you want it. Otherwise, the selected locations will remain for 2021.

***Insurance**

K and K will begin processing refunds. Money will go back to credit card used for purchase.

As of this date approximately 40% of states have cancelled their seasons. In some of those, coaches have stated they will still play, and are forming local leagues to do so. I totally understand, and if you choose to do so, just be aware you cannot utilize in any fashion the Legion emblem or insignia. This means the wearing of a jersey having the Legion patch on it is prohibited. This comes from the National Judge Advocate, not me, just passing information. My recommendation would be a simple, inexpensive t-shirt type jersey, but not my call. I have no say in the process going forward. Good luck to those who choose to play.

Since insurance is cancelled, K and K is offering to sell policies to cover you for the season. These policies are not affiliated with the American Legion, but would provide protection if you choose to play. Go to www.kandkinsurance.com, go to "Sports" and follow prompts to select type of coverage. If you need help, you can call this number for assistance. 1-800-426-2889.

I have sent this to everyone for whom I have an email address. Committee members and Chairmen - please see all teams in your areas get this information. I will have something up on our website ASAP. Also, advise all to MAKE NO ATTEMPT to register a team or do a background check from this point forward. Access to the registration site is in the process of being turned off.

This decision was very difficult to make, and I am sure, just like with everything involving this pandemic, it will be cussed, discussed, and second guessed to infinity and beyond. Bottom line, it is just the right thing to do. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email.

Gary Stone
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